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This summary presents results of an August 1985 survey of occupational wages in the Tampa-St. Petersburg Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, which consists of Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. This is 1 of 99 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 71 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 115 establishments employing 73,183 workers was selected to represent 1,158 establishments employing 231,265 workers in the area. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.) Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request.

Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL, August 1985

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (all workers)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																					
		Mean	Median	Middle range	3.35 and under 3.50	3.50 – 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 and over
Secretaries	2,206	7.83	7.45	6.38– 8.89	-	-	7	10	117	137	363	232	245	199	200	166	63	146	145	52	49	50	11	8	2	3	3
Secretaries I	603	6.97	6.70	6.01– 7.80	-	-	7	7	84	49	133	79	85	43	23	74	9	14	7	3	4	1	-	-	-	1	-
Secretaries II	759	7.56	7.12	6.38– 8.89	-	-	-	-	11	68	188	92	146	46	25	22	10	77	69	5	12	7	1	-	-	-	-
Secretaries III	535	7.92	7.98	6.76– 8.60	-	-	-	3	16	20	58	50	27	96	125	31	25	29	28	12	6	6	2	1	-	-	-
Secretaries IV	247	9.62	9.52	8.33–10.91	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	11	6	13	25	37	14	20	38	13	24	29	2	-	1	2	-
Secretaries V	52	12.04	10.75	10.58–13.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	2	18	3	5	6	7	1	-	3
Stenographers	14	9.18	8.80	- -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Stenographers II	7	10.09	9.31	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Typists	136	5.36	5.11	4.69– 5.79	-	-	9	44	45	18	2	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	124	5.42	5.11	4.69– 5.79	-	-	9	35	42	18	2	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors	211	7.05	7.18	5.71– 7.71	-	2	-	2	33	16	5	47	36	25	5	31	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors I	157	6.93	7.18	5.53– 7.71	-	2	-	2	30	13	3	28	29	19	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors II	54	7.39	7.15	6.90– 8.41	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	19	7	6	5	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks	225	4.95	4.71	4.63– 5.00	-	-	13	147	29	28	4	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks I	143	4.91	4.73	4.55– 5.18	-	-	13	81	25	20	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receptionists	110	6.48	6.63	5.39– 7.29	-	-	-	11	25	10	4	25	8	-	25	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	308	5.08	4.80	4.25– 5.71	-	18	135	24	49	13	17	11	33	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators	699	6.05	5.70	5.05– 6.92	-	8	44	100	126	106	94	75	33	29	22	47	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators I	495	5.93	5.42	4.78– 6.92	-	8	44	96	105	59	20	49	22	23	20	47	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	204	6.34	6.10	5.74– 6.73	-	-	-	4	21	47	74	26	11	6	2	-	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators	596	8.27	8.13	7.00– 9.13	-	-	7	-	7	48	40	70	60	33	134	41	42	22	10	14	40	12	11	4	2	-	1
Computer operators I	190	7.01	7.00	5.91– 7.80	-	-	-	-	7	43	19	40	29	18	6	9	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer operators II	313	8.41	8.23	7.29– 8.95	-	-	-	-	-	3	21	30	31	13	108	30	18	18	6	11	17	3	4	-	-	-	-
Computer operators III	93	10.36	10.90	8.49–11.92	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	18	2	7	4	4	3	22	9	7	4	2	-	1
Computer data librarians	23	7.49	7.93	5.81– 8.23	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	2	5	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters	736	9.81	9.81	8.61–10.75	-	-	-	-	2	10	6	18	36	27	42	119	74	38	105	94	84	39	4	26	-	-	-
Drafters I	43	6.55	6.73	5.77– 7.06	-	-	-	-	2	10	5	12	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters II	137	8.34	8.25	7.50– 8.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	21	8	39	32	14	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters III	345	9.91	10.00	8.93–10.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	14	3	80	42	21	33	81	61	4	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters IV	164	10.79	10.33	10.19–11.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	15	4	71	13	21	27	-	6	-	-	-
Drafters V	47	12.96	13.42	11.62–14.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	12	8	4	20	-	-	-
Electronics technicians	810	10.51	10.75	8.68–12.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	16	10	38	58	105	48	80	34	40	157	32	170	4	2	6	-
Electronics technicians II	354	10.47	10.75	9.76–11.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	46	26	54	29	26	147	6	2	4	2	4	-
Maintenance electricians	256	12.32	11.83	10.37–14.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	7	84	17	5	69	-	10	-
Maintenance painters	32	10.63	9.64	9.64–10.61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	15	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Maintenance machinists	135	12.45	11.00	10.54–15.47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	15	2	38	8	10	3	-	14	33	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	374	13.11	14.61	10.92–14.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	63	48	-	2	219	-	-	-
Motor vehicle mechanics	283	12.30	12.55	10.71–14.37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General maintenance workers	493	6.14	6.20	5.00– 7.00	-	2	53	23	65	78	84	47	54	11	65	11	33	12	6	30	33	53	15	91	-	-	4
Stationary engineers	117	12.24	12.55	10.32–14.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	42	-	4	33	1	27	-	4	-
Truckdrivers	2,535	9.76	9.00	7.00–13.73	-	-	57	45	120	47	287	5	499	143	43	17	75	2	75	-	180	183	147	630	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	363	8.35	8.35	6.00– 8.40	-	-	-	4	2	35	275	1	31	3	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	1,099	10.00	10.47	7.15–12.00	-	-	12	-	24	-	8	-	268	126	30	-	75	2	18	-	180	158	147	70	-	-	-
Shipping packers	258	6.18	6.47	5.67– 6.70	-	-	60	-	-	30	58	58	31	-	-	3	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Material handling laborers	800	6.75	6.56	6.00– 7.58	-	-	30	-	2	167	182	202	31	41	35	45	78	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forklift operators	681	7.98	8.08	6.65– 9.00	-	8	22	8	4	22	11	338	4	18	51	18	48	66	-	-	-	-	53	-	12	-	-
Guards	2,632	4.30	3.45	3.35– 4.25	1374	430	232	192	83	42	13	1	13	17	-	-	-	-	225	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards I	2,162	3.71	3.35	3.35– 3.73	1374	424	56	136	91	38	13	1	12	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards II	470	6.98	4.75	4.00–10.00	-	6	176	56	2	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	225	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	2,557	4.27	3.50	3.35– 4.25	1169	466	317	39	97	217	29	67	6	67	4	-	51	-	-	-	2	-	15	11	-	-	-

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Cost of living allowances and incentive payments, however, are included. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more and one-half receive the same as or less than the rate shown. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate.

[2] For occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL,[1] August 1985

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[4]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	1,158	115	231,265	100	73,183
Manufacturing	50	307	23	62,331	27	15,793
Nonmanufacturing[5]	50	851	92	168,934	73	57,390

[1] The Tampa-St. Petersburg Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget through February 1974, consists of Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis of comparison with other statistical series for the area to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual was used in classifying establishments by industry division.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets of companies in such industries as trade, finance, auto repair service, and motion picture theaters (within a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area or nonmetropolitan county) are considered as one establishment.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; laundries and other personal services; automobile repair, rental, and parking; motion pictures; nonprofit membership organizations (excluding religious and charitable organizations); engineering and architectural services; and miscellaneous business services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture; mining; construction; some services (notably educational institutions and medical services); and government operations.

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